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Title: NEW 7-ALPHA, 17-ALPHA-BIS-ALKYLATED TESTOSTERONE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN LONG-TERM THERAPY OF ANDROGEN-DEPENDENT DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Testosterone derivatives according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>17b</sup> is the hydroxy group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkoxy group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkanoyloxy group.

5. (Amended) Testosterone derivatives according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>6</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, the hydroxy group or a halogen atom.

6. (Amended) Testosterone derivatives according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> each represent a hydrogen atom.

7. (Amended) Testosterone derivatives according to claim 1, wherein radical ABCD means 9-hydroxynonyl, 7-(acetylsulfanyl)heptyl or 7-(4-cyanobutoxy)heptyl.